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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, RIPPLED SURFACE STOPER ROD SYSTEM, the specification of which is filed herewith and claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/516,902 filed on November 3, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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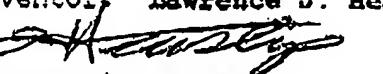
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